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To my sisters and brothers in Christ at Church Divinity School of the Pacific:

I am delighted to send warm greetings to all of you who are gathered to celebrate the establishment of the St. Margaret's Visiting Professorship of Women in Ministry. The scholars, donors, and students who have made this initiative possible deserve the thanks of lay and ordained women across the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

In the last several years, I have traveled across the Anglican Communion as the first ordained woman to serve as president of the House of Deputies, as the Episcopal Church's clergy representative to the Anglican Consultative Council, and as a founding member of the Chicago Consultation. On several of these trips, I have been fortunate enough to work with Dr. Jenny Te Paa Daniel, and so I congratulate you for choosing her as your first St. Margaret's visiting professor. I know that all of you—faculty, students, and alumni—are benefitting from her wisdom, her passion for lifting up women's voices, and her commitment to the enduring relationships of women in ministry.

God calls us to revitalize congregations, partner with communities in need, seek justice for survivors of violence and oppression, and advocate for equality and parity in the church and the world. We fare better in these endeavors when we understand how our ministries are shaped by the intersecting issues of gender, identity and power. Our contexts are all different, but it is the same Holy Spirit who moves through us and brings us together in the Beloved Community. I am with you today in that Spirit, and I pray that your time together is fruitful and joyful.

Faithfully,



The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings
President, House of Deputies of the Episcopal Church

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